



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicants:
Matthew T. Thompson and James D. Johnston

Filed: January 21, 2004

For: FEMORAL IMPLANT FOR
HIP ARTHROPLASTY

§ Serial No. 10/762,213
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§ Examiner: Pedro Philogene
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§ Group 3732
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTIFICATION OF LOSS TO ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS (§1.27(g)(2))

In Applicants' Petition for Extension of Time, filed October 17, 2005, the undersigned attorney of record stated that the Applicants were no longer entitled to small entity status. Since the filing of that petition and accompanying amendment, the Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance, which reflects that the Applicants still have small entity status.

The Applicants are still no longer eligible for small entity status, and thus the enclosed check for \$1,700 includes the large entity issue fee amount of \$1,400, in addition to the \$300 publication fee. It is respectfully requested that the PTO record be amended to reflect the Applicants' current large entity status for future maintenance fees with respect to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/28/06

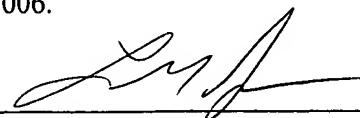
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